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After talking to you about Hercules Mulligan, the possibility of erecting a statue to him and the lack of any portrait, lithograph, etc., to work from, a thought came as I drove back to C of C.

Given the currents of the time, mayhaps we should recognize the contribution American women have made to Intelligence. Patience Wright was such a gal. An artist of great reknown, she lived and worked in London during the Revolution. A frequenter of the best salons, she shipped back to the States the information she'd gleaned in wax busts of her clients. She was uncovered by the British and exiled to France for the duration. Following the Treaty of Paris she returned to and died in England.

Best of all, a portrait of her hangs in the Boston Athenaneum. Her life and feats of daring-do are recorded in Patience Wright: Artist and Spy in George the III's London by Chas Coleman Sellars (HIC).

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